

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2773

Introduced by Assembly Member Berg

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Sections 7381 and 7382 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fishing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2773, as introduced, Berg. Steelhead trout

Existing law requires any person taking steelhead trout in inland waters to have in his or her possession a steelhead trout catch report-restoration card issued by the Department of Fish and Game. Existing law requires cardholders to record certain information on the catch report-restoration card relative to fishing, and requires the cardholder to return the catch report-restoration card to the department on a schedule or date established by the department. Existing law requires the base fee for the catch report-restoration card to be \$5 for the 2004 license year, and requires the fee to be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to a specified index. Existing law requires revenue received pursuant to the catch report-restoration card to be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for specified purposes, and requires the department to perform various functions, including, but not limited to, submitting all proposed expenditures to the Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout for review and comment prior to submitting a request for inclusion of the appropriation in the annual Budget Bill. Existing law requires the department to report to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2007, regarding the implementation of the catch report-restoration card program, the projects undertaken using revenues derived pursuant to that program, the benefits derived, and its recommendation regarding whether the

catch report-restoration card requirement should be continued. Existing law makes these provisions relating to steelhead trout inoperative on July 1, 2007, and repeals them as of January 1, 2008.

This bill would revise the provision requiring the department to report to the Legislature on its recommendation regarding whether the catch report-restoration card requirement should be continued to instead require the department to report its recommendations for revising the catch report-restoration card, if any. The bill would also provide that the provisions relating to steelhead trout would become inoperative on July 1, 2012, and be repealed on January 1, 2013.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7381 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

3 7381. (a) Revenue received pursuant to Section 7380 may
4 only be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to
5 monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources consistent
6 with Sections 6901 and 6902, and to administer the catch
7 report-restoration card program. The department shall submit all
8 proposed expenditures, including proposed expenditures for
9 administrative purposes, to the Advisory Committee on Salmon
10 and Steelhead Trout for review and comment prior to submitting
11 a request for inclusion of the appropriation in the annual Budget
12 Bill. The committee may recommend revisions in any proposed
13 expenditure to the Legislature and the commission.

14 (b) The department shall report to the Legislature on or before
15 July 1, 2007, regarding the implementation of the catch
16 report-restoration card program, the projects undertaken using
17 revenues derived pursuant to that program, the benefits derived,
18 and ~~its recommendation regarding whether the~~ *its*
19 *recommendations for revising the* catch report-restoration card
20 ~~requirement should be continued, if any.~~

21 SEC. 2. Section 7382 of the Fish and Game Code is amended
22 to read:

23 7382. This article shall become inoperative on July 1, ~~2007,~~
24 ~~2012,~~ and, as of January 1, ~~2008,~~ *2013*, is repealed, unless a later
25 enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, ~~2008,~~ *2013*

- 1 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and
- 2 is repealed.

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